

Y.W.C.A.

Build in China.

The United States has

50,000,000 women and girls;
9 out of 10 read and write.

China has

200,000,000 women and girls;
1 out of 1,000 read and write.

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WE used to sing "London Bridge is falling down, on my fair lady"; but now we are roused with the cry "China's Wall is falling down" and again our attention is fixed on "my fair lady".

China is pressed on all sides by the nations of Europe and Asia; while from the inside her own people are eagerly helping to tear down her walls of provincialism and ignorance. Men, closely followed by women, are rallying to the challenge of progress. China feels the new life stirring within and is catching glimpses of the wonderful possibilities in her path.

What China's world influence is to be depends upon the leaders she follows now and in the immediate future. Unquestionably her greatest leaders spring from her own soil. She cannot herself, however, train them fast enough to cope with the meteoric rush of events.

China is in a critical condition, and the most neighborly thing we can do is to help her find and develop native leadership. America is the only country in which China has implicit faith.

With an infant mortality of 65%, what of the women, the mothers of China? Not only are doctors and nurses needed to *cure*, but teachers of physical education are needed to *prevent* such waste of life.

The China National Y. W. C. A. School of Physical Education is training Chinese young women who will go out into government and mission schools to give instruction in personal and social hygiene, food and sanitation. The stu-

dents in the present class come from ten provinces. Space limits the school to thirty-two members; meanwhile, more than a hundred positions are waiting for them to graduate. The Association proposes building large enough quarters to accommodate all who wish to take the training.

China is in the throes of industrial development. In Shanghai alone, thirty thousand women and girls have come in from the surrounding country to work in factories at one cent an hour. Several thousand of them are under fourteen years of age. As yet, the Association has been unable to help in the problem of housing these girls. The students' dormitory, even, has overflowed into our offices long ago.

Although China understood the art of printing long before Europe did, the forms used were so multitudinous that today less than ten in a hundred Chinese can read. Recently, however, a phonetic script of thirty-nine symbols has been invented whereby one learns to read in a few weeks. With this easy syllabary taught throughout China, the printed page will come into its own, and then the one hundred ninety-eight million illiterate women will be able to read and can be brought into close touch with all that has helped women in other lands. A nation educated in a day! The Y. W. C. A. in China wants to help in this crisis, too.

With the message of hope for body and mind, goes the assurance of spiritual help. The Y. W. C. A. has 138 Bible classes, with an enrollment of 2,447 Chinese women. After one evangelistic meeting more than 500 women enrolled for Bible study.

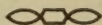


The Prince of the Kingdom of Heaven says:

"Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only

And the counterpart is carved over the entrance to the Hongkong post office

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul,
So is good news from a far country."



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